



# WRENTHAM

## Norfolk County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Wrentham is a small, semi-rural community located outside the fringe of the Boston and Providence metropolitan areas. The town is very proud of its New England heritage and has actively sought to preserve this type of atmosphere over the years. Its large tracts of open space areas, recreational facilities and lake regions make Wrentham an attractive place to spend leisure time. The community is proud of its attempts to balance conservation and development and therefore maintain a high quality of life for all its residents.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Norfolk on the north; Foxborough on the east; Plainville on the southeast; Cumberland, Rhode Island, on the south; Bellingham on the west; and Franklin on the northwest. Wrentham is 25 miles southwest of Boston; 20 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 197 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 22.92 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 22.20 sq. miles

**Population:** 9,006

**Density:** 406 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(West Medway Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.8°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.6"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Wrentham, Franklin

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 384-5400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1673

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	5,168		
Democrats	1,171	22.7	%
Republicans	994	19.2	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	3,003	58.1	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Wrentham town, Norfolk County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	10,554	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	10,554	100.0
Male.....	5,160	48.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	83	0.8
Female.....	5,394	51.1	Mexican.....	11	0.1
Under 5 years.....	791	7.5	Puerto Rican.....	24	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	900	8.5	Cuban.....	1	-
10 to 14 years.....	848	8.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	47	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	584	5.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10,471	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	314	3.0	White alone.....	10,248	97.1
25 to 34 years.....	1,081	10.2	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	2,231	21.1	Total population.....	10,554	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,770	16.8	In households.....	9,816	93.0
55 to 59 years.....	495	4.7	Householder.....	3,402	32.2
60 to 64 years.....	312	3.0	Spouse.....	2,322	22.0
65 to 74 years.....	568	5.4	Child.....	3,503	33.2
75 to 84 years.....	403	3.8	Own child under 18 years.....	2,831	26.8
85 years and over.....	257	2.4	Other relatives.....	298	2.8
Median age (years).....	38.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	84	0.8
18 years and over.....	7,619	72.2	Nonrelatives.....	291	2.8
Male.....	3,660	34.7	Unmarried partner.....	144	1.4
Female.....	3,959	37.5	In group quarters.....	738	7.0
21 years and over.....	7,363	69.8	Institutionalized population.....	654	6.2
62 years and over.....	1,405	13.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	84	0.8
65 years and over.....	1,228	11.6	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	445	4.2	Total households.....	3,402	100.0
Female.....	783	7.4	Family households (families).....	2,653	78.0
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,462	43.0
One race.....	10,501	99.5	Married-couple family.....	2,322	68.3
White.....	10,306	97.6	With own children under 18 years.....	1,281	37.7
Black or African American.....	64	0.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	223	6.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	13	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	125	3.7
Asian.....	84	0.8	Nonfamily households.....	749	22.0
Asian Indian.....	18	0.2	Householder living alone.....	579	17.0
Chinese.....	19	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	238	7.0
Filipino.....	8	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,522	44.7
Japanese.....	6	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	613	18.0
Korean.....	15	0.1	Average household size.....	2.89	(X)
Vietnamese.....	6	0.1	Average family size.....	3.31	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	12	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	3,507	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	3,402	97.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	105	3.0
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	1	-	occasional use.....	30	0.9
Some other race.....	34	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.6	(X)
Two or more races.....	53	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	3,402	100.0
White.....	10,356	98.1	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,878	84.6
Black or African American.....	84	0.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	524	15.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	28	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.05	(X)
Asian.....	97	0.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.00	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	-			
Some other race.....	43	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1993)

Conventional State	81
Conventional Federal	0

**Rental Assistance** (DHCD 1994)

State (MRVP)	0
Federal (Section 8)	0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Wrentham is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 140; U.S. Route 1; and Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston, which forms an interchange with Interstate Route 95 in the neighboring towns of Mansfield and Foxborough.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available in the neighboring towns of Franklin and Norfolk. Travel time from Forge Park to BBS: 49-61 min.; 722 MBTA parking spaces. Travel time from Norfolk to BBS: 35-47 min.; 491 MBTA spaces).

### Bus

Wrentham is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

### Other

The Norfolk Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,700' asphalt runway with a copter approach.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Kings Daughters & Sons Home

Maples Convalescent Home

Maples Nursing & Retirement Center

Serenity Hill Nursing Home Inc.

Sheldonville Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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